

Helping an elderly homeowner clean violations

The Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU), Code Enforcement Division helped an elderly homeowner in Alpine and his neighbors by not citing the man but instead working out a deal to clean his property free of charge.

Code Enforcement officers responded to complaints that the property was littered with junk, a non-working car, and firewood being sold illegally. When they arrived, they found that the elderly owner was also the caretaker of his 90-year-old mother and didn't have the time or energy to manage the property. Officers chose not to cite the man, but instead tried to work with him to get the property cleaned. However, the homeowner still wasn't able to correct the violations. Code Enforcement officers solved the problem after noticing that the junk that needed clearing included a large amount of scrap metal. The officers contacted a contractor that the County had worked with before and helped arrange a deal where the contractor would clean the property for the homeowner at no charge in return for being able to sell the metal.

